To: Timothy P. White, Chancellor

From: Kyle Miller Van Dolah, Chair
Chancellor's Registration Fee Advisory Committee

Re: Final Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2009/10

Date: April 23, 2009

It is with both great pride and relief that I announce the Registration Fee Advisory Committee’s final recommendations for the 2009/10 fiscal year. The process was difficult this year due to the financial crunch being faced by both the university and the state. However, I believe the decisions we have reached regarding the Registration Fee Fund will put UC Riverside in a stable position in terms of both availability of student services and fiscal responsibility.

The Committee greatly appreciates UC Riverside’s administration for continually supporting our role in the budgetary process. Based on my experiences with the other campuses at the system-wide Council on Student Fees, UC Riverside sets the standard for providing students with the ability to impact how their registration fees are spent. Knowing that our actions actually affect the outcome of the administration’s final decisions definitely provides us with the motivation to do all of the hard work before us each year.

Along with the normal barrage of requests exceeding the amount of funding available, the Committee faced several unique challenges this year. I have outlined them below, along with the Committee’s response to each of them.

ALLOCATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009/10

Due to the current budget environment the committee decided to only allocate temporary funds for 2009/10 and preserve the permanent funds for the impending budget cuts next year. As a further concession to the current financial crisis, the committee only considered requests that had been granted by the registrations fees committee in the previous two years. This “two year rule” limited the number of requests sent to the committee and ensured that items in a department’s current operating budget would be affected as little as possible.

Given the limited funds available for allocation, the committee recommends using the Student Mental Health carry forward balance to fund the following requests that qualify for Student Mental Health funding: $3,750 REACH Peer Educator and $6,000 for Counseling Center professional development.

The committee recommends continuing backstop funding of $60,000 for the sign language translator using the Registration Fee operating reserves. The committee also recommends funding the custodial service for the radio station, KUCR, using the Registration Feeset aside for OMP.

Again, I would like to reiterate the Committee’s appreciation for having a team of administrators on this campus that create avenues for students to voice their opinions, rather than creating blockades. It is with
the highest regard that we submit to you our FY 2009/10 recommendations for the usage of the Registration Fee Fund, totaling $400,000 in temporary one-time allocations.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of RFAC,

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To: Timothy P. White, Chancellor

From: Vicki Dasakis, Registration Fee Advisory Committee Chair 2009-2010

Re: RFAC Recommendations on Student Mental Health Fund for 2009-2010

Date: January 7, 2010

Esteemed Chancellor White:

For the third consecutive fiscal year, the Chancellor’s Registration Advisory Committee has met and discussed the following recommendations for the allocation of Student Mental Health (SMH) Fund for 2009-2010. It is my understanding that this fund is derived from part of the increase to the Registration Fee that the UC Regents passed in 2009. Given the nature of the fund’s source, student fee committees on each of the UC campuses have been asked to make their allocation recommendations as they would with the normal Registration Fee allocation process.

A summary of the specifics of the process is provided in the appendices enclosed with this letter. The enclosed materials also include the Mental Health Addenda Request Form, annotated with the Committee’s recommendations in the far right column. A Student Mental Health Sub-Committee was commissioned to provide the RFAC with specific recommendations. The subcommittee recognized what the priorities were, keeping in mind that due to the economic situation that not much would be changed from the previous year.

From our projected available funds, we recommend a total allocation of $563,438, composed of $254,097 of Permanent Funds and $309,341 of Temporary Funds. Regarding the permanent funds of $254,097 the committee has given permission for the offices of Resource Planning and Budget and the Student Affairs office to determine and transfer a portion of the funds as temporary allocations as needed to align it with permanent SMH funds available. The committee’s recommendations include permanent funding for three positions (Programmer Analyst, Web Designer, and Senior Writer), however the amounts allocated are based on current, partial year costs. Thus, another $81,396 will be needed as permanent funding starting the next fiscal year of 2010-2011. It is the intent of RFAC for these three positions to continue as permanent positions subject of funds available next fiscal year. Money has also been left in reserves to provide some flexibility in the process and provide the various units that can benefit from Student Mental Health funds with the opportunity to revisit this committee with further requests.

I respectfully submit the present letter and the following documents with detailed requests and recommendations for your consideration. If you have any further questions please feel free to follow up with me.

Thank you,

Vicki Dasakis
RFAC Chair 2009-2010
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